DUBLIN CASTLE, 11 o'Clock, A. M. 14th June, 1798.

Ireland - Cornwallis (C.) Mayors Commissions, &c.

INTELLIGENCE is just arrived from Major General *Nugent*, stating, that on the eleventh instant, he had marched against a large Body of REBELS, who were posted at *Saintfield*. They retired, on his Approach, to a strong Position on the *Saintfield* Side of *Ballynahinch*, and there made a Shew of Resistance, and endeavoured to turn his left Flank; but Lieutenant Colonel *Stewart* arriving from *Down*, with a pretty considerable Force of Infantry, Cavalry, and Yeomanry, they soon desisted, and retired to a very strong Position behind *Ballynahinch*.

General *Nugent* attacked them the next Morning at three o'Clock, having occupied two Hills on the Left and Right of the Town, to prevent the REBELS from having any other Choice than the Mountains in their Rear for their Retreat; he sent Lieutenant Colonel *Stewart* to post himself with Part of the *Argyle* Fencibles, and some Yeomanry, as well as a Detachment of the 22d Light Dragoons, in a Situation from whence he could enfilade the REBEL Line, whilst Colonel *Leslie*, with Part of the *Monaghan* Militia, some Cavalry, and Yeoman Infantry, should make an Attack upon their Front. Having two Howitzers and six six Pounders with the two Detachments, the Major General was enabled to annoy them very much, from different Parts of his Position.

The REBELS attacked, impetuously, Colonel *Leslie*'s Detachment, and even jumped into the Road from the Earl of *Moira*'s Demesne, to endeavour to take one of his Guns, but they were repulsed with Slaughter. Lieutenant Colonel *Stewart*'s Detachment was attacked by them with the same Activity, but he repulsed them also, and the Fire from his Howitzer and six Pounder soon obliged them to fly in all Directions. Their Force was, on the Evening of the 12th, near five Thousand; but as many Persons are pressed into their Service, and almost entirely unarmed, the General does not suppose that on the Morning of the Engagement their Numbers were near so many.

About four Hundred REBELS were killed in the Attack and Retreat, and the Remainder were dispersed all over the Country. Parts of the Town of *Saintfield* and *Ballynahinch* were burnt. Major-General *Nugent* states, that both Officers and Men deserve Praise, for their Zeal and Alacrity on this, as well as all Occasions; but he particularly expresses his Obligations to Lieutenant Colonel *Stewart* for his Advice and Assistance throughout the Business, and to Colonel *Leslie* for his Readiness to volunteer the Duty at all Times. The Yeomanry behaved with extreme Steadiness and Bravery. Three or four Green Colours were taken, and six one Pounders, not mounted, but which the REBELS fired very often, and a considerable Quantity of Ammunition. Their Chief was ——— *Munro*, a Shopkeeper of *Lisburn*.

Major-General *Nugent* regrets the Loss of Captain *Ewatt*, of the *Monaghan* Militia; Lieutenant *Ellis* of the same Regiment was wounded; the Loss of Rank and File was five killed and fourteen wounded. Several of the Yeoman Infantry were killed or wounded.

The Major-General expresses his Acknowledgments to Lieutenant-Colonel *Peacock*, and Major of Brigade *Machinnor*, who were of the greatest Service.

The *Portaferry* Yeomanry, on the 11th instant, under the Command of Captain *Matthews*, made a most gallant Defence against a large Body of the REBELS, who attacked the Town of *Portaferry*; the Yeomanry having taken Possession of the Market-House, from which Post they repulsed the REBELS, who

who left behind them above forty dead; many more were carred off. Captain *Hopkins*, of a Revenue Cruizer, brought his Guns to bear on the Town, and was of great Service in defending it.

ADVICES from Major General Sir *Charles Aſgill*, dated from *Kilkenny* the 13th inſtant, ſtate, that on the Evening of the 12th inſtant, having heard that a large Body of the REBELS had marched from the County of *Wexford* againſt *Borris*, under Command of Mr. *Bagenal Harvey*, and were burning the Town, he proceeded to its Relief with four hundred Men, but the REBELS had fled before he could arrive.

They had attacked Mr. *Kavanagh*'s Houſe, in which were twenty-nine Men of the *Donegal* Militia, who, notwithſtanding the inceſſant Fire kept up on them for ſome Hours, defended themſelves in the moſt gallant Manner, and killed ſeveral of the REBELS. Nothing could ſurpaſs the determined Bravery of thoſe few Men.

The REBELS effected their Eſcape into the County of *Wexford*.

A LETTER received by Lieutenant General *Lake*, from Major General *Johnſon*, dated the 13th inſtant, at *New Roſs*, ſtates, that having received Information that the REBELS had fitted out ſeveral Boats and other Craft, for the Purpoſe of effecting their Eſcape, he had ſent Lieutenant *Hill* with ſuch armed Veſſels as could be ſpared from *Fethard*, where they were collected, with Orders to deſtroy the Whole; which Lieutenant *Hill* effected with his uſual Spirit, and without Loſs.

Thirteen large ſailing Hookers, and a great many Boats, were burnt.

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